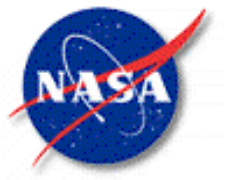


# Mirror Development Technology Days 2010 In the Government

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# Welcome

Welcome

## Old Business

Presentations from 2009 have been distributed via CD

If you have not gotten your CD – see Hans Peter

## New Business

Tech Days 2011 will likely be near GSFC

## Important Information

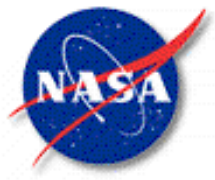
Coffee Breaks, Lunch and Receptions

Photograph tomorrow before coffee break

## Announcements

BATC Tours

Resume & Job Table



# Purpose of Tech Days

Mirror Technology is critical for NASA & DoD missions.

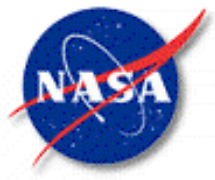
Topics discussed enable missions for next 10 to 20 yrs.

Tech Days has two Goals:

How are we Spending the Taxpayer's money

1. Is the Government Investing the Taxpayer's money wisely  
Are we funding 5 good ideas or 1 good idea 5 times?
2. Are we getting good value for our investment?
3. How can we coordinate our activities to maximize the efficacy of our investments.

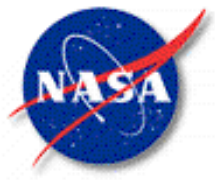
Provide a networking opportunity for Vendors and Government.



# Technology Days 2009







# 2010 Alabama State Science Fair Senior Division First Award \$150

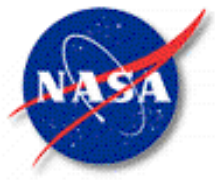
Pranjal Gupta

10<sup>th</sup> Grader, Auburn High School

Catch More Sun: Affordable Energy

Pranjal developed a Fresnel lens system to focus light rays onto a solar cell from sun rise or sun set which would normally only strike the solar cell at a grazing angle of incidence. Pranjal has file a patent disclosure on his invention.





# 2009 Alabama State Science Fair Senior Division Second Award \$100

Robert Austin DeSilva

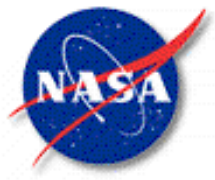
11<sup>th</sup> Grader, Catholic High School

Laser SIM

Robert wrote a software package to bounce laser beams about a 3D virtual space using 3D flat mirrors. Since Regional he updated his code to use Snell's Law.

Robert also received a \$50 Second Award at the North Alabama Regional Science Fair





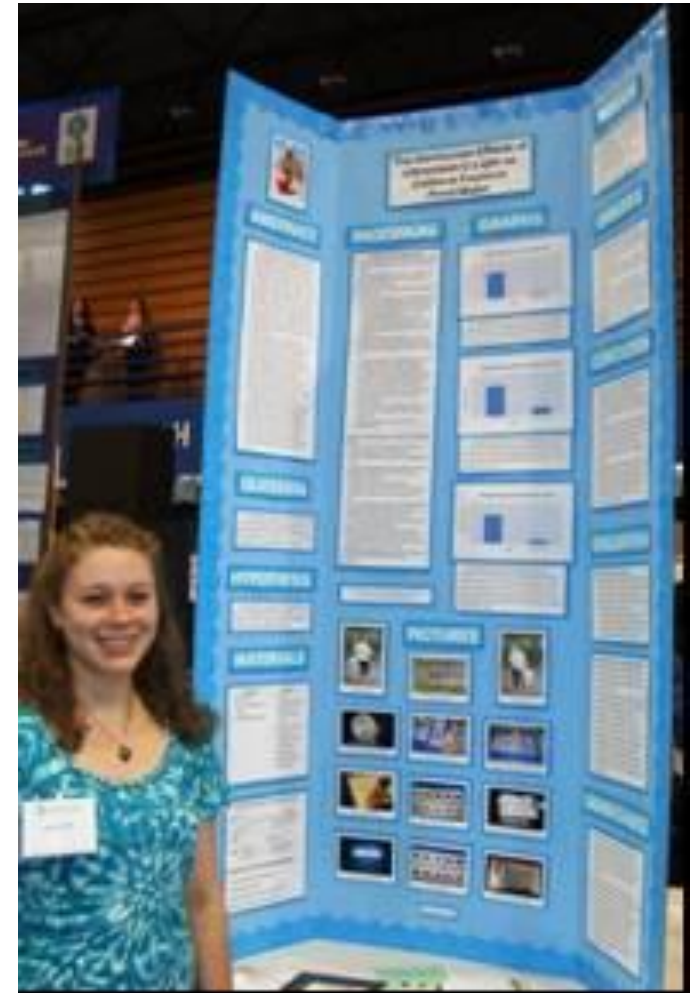
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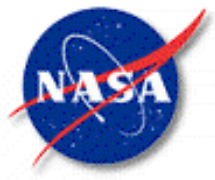
Emily Duke

12<sup>th</sup> Grader, Jefferson County  
International Baccalaureate

Germicidal Effects of Ultraviolet-C light  
on Coliform found in Pond water

Emily studied the efficacy of different  
exposure times of UV-C for killing  
Coliform contamination in water.





# 2009 North Alabama Regional Science Fair

## Senior Division First Award \$100

Matthew Russell Eskridge

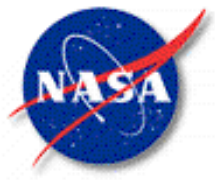
10<sup>th</sup> Grader, Covenant Christian Academy

### Detecting Cosmic Rays in your Garage

Matthew built a high voltage cascade detector in a PVC plumbing pipe to count cosmic rays. He calibrated his sensor with a sample of uranium which he bought over the internet and a Geiger counter.







## 2009 Alabama State Science Fair Senior Division Third Award \$50

Stephen Leahy

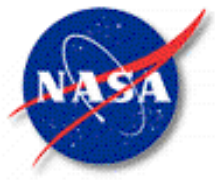
9<sup>th</sup> Grader, at Catholic High School

Construction of a Variable-Angle  
Photovoltaic Meter and Measurement of  
Solare Power for Different Times of Day  
and Different Declination Angles



Stephen placed a solar cell onto of a camera tripod and using a protractor measured the produced output as a function of angle from level. He also observed that the angular dependence only existed on sunny days and went away on cloudy days.

Stephen also received a \$25 Honorable Mention at the North Alabama Regional Science Fair



## 2009 Alabama State Science Fair Junior Division First Award \$75

Joseph Patrick Lee

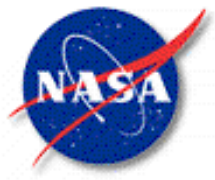
7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Master's Hand Christian  
School

It's Light



Joseph made a light bulb. He made filaments with different metals, put them inside a glass jar and measured the time duration that they glowed before they failed. Then he back filled the jar with helium and measured how the time duration for each filament was increased.

Joseph also received a \$100 First Award at the North Alabama Regional Science Fair



# **2009 Alabama State Science Fair Junior Division Second Award \$75**

Nick Simerly

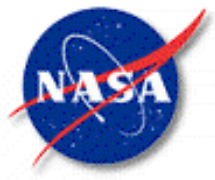
8<sup>th</sup> Grader, Westminster Christian Academy

Smart Wireless, Energy Efficient Motion Sensor

Nick used a wireless motion sensing system to ‘trigger’ a video camera to observe objects in the field of view. He studied the strength of signal & signal to noise as a function of the objects size, distance and velocity.



Nick also received a \$50 Second Award at the North Alabama Regional Science Fair



## **2009 Alabama State Science Fair Junior Division Third Award \$50**

Matthew T. Castleberry

7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Hampton Cove Middle

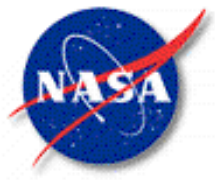
### **Portable Energy Source**

Matthew measured the photonic output of various light sources and the electrical power consumed by the same light sources. He did not divide one by the other to obtain an efficiency.

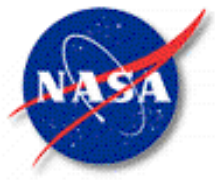


Matthew also received a \$25 Third Award at the North Alabama Regional Science Fair





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